

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SEED BANKS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of seed banks functioning in the country at present, location-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to open some new seed banks during Eleventh Plan Period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise; and
- (d) the funds allocated for the purpose alongwith the number of farmers likely to be benefited therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Seeds banks are functioning in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, through the State Seeds Corporations (SSCs) of these states and National Seeds Corporation and State Farms Corporation of India. The seed under seed bank is kept by Corporations in their godowns situated in States at various locations.

(b)&(c): Presently, there is no proposal to open new seed banks in the Eleven Plan Period. However, during the Tenth Plan Period states of Bihar and Tamil Nadu were included to implement the component, Establishment & Maintenance of Seed Bank of the restructured scheme `Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds` of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.

(d): An amount of Rs.6.00 crore has been proposed for the first year of the 11th Plan under the component. As the objective of the Seed Bank scheme is to meet requirement of seed during natural calamities and unforeseen conditions, it is not possible to estimate the number of farmers likely to be benefited.